HOW OUT-OF-STATE CANS, BOTTLES HURT MICHIGAN



Michigan consumer returns empty can or bottle, gets 10 cent deposit back.



Michigan store buys from wholesaler, pays 10 cent deposit per drink.

> Michigan store gets 10 cent deposit back from wholesaler after returning each empty can or bottle.



Because return rate is below 100 percent, wholesaler has surplus of unclaimed deposits.

Every out-of-state can or bottle illegally redeemed in Michigan robs our state of 10 cents.

Every year, an estimated 100 million cans and bottles are illegally returned to Michigan stores — meaning less unclaimed deposits at the wholesaler level and LESS MONEY for the state.

That's at least \$10 million a year robbed from Michigan taxpayers.





Unclaimed deposits go to the state to pay for environmental cleanup programs. In 2006, wholesalers gave \$9 million for these programs and another \$3 million to stores for processing.

(Source: Michigan Department of Environmental Quality)